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William Penn's ANSWER TO JOHN FALDO's PRINTED CHALLENGE.

IT would seem *Strange*, as well as *Unreasonable* to me, that *J. Faldo* should of all Times and Places chuse the *Barbican* Meeting of the 28*th* of the 6*th* Month, so surreptitiously gotten and partially managed, to divulge his *Challenge* against me, did I not give off *Wondering* at the *Injust Carriage* of some men towards us.

For *first*, He could not but know, I was at a *great Distance* from the Place; that I had twice *defended our Belief* in Print against him; and that a *considerable Book* lieth at his Door unanswered. To make then that *Swagger* in my Absence, and yet be *Debtor* to my Defences; to come ten Miles to tell the World, he would do great Things against me, and when he had done, to print, and as I may say, spit in our Faces at our Entrance into the last *Barbican* Meeting, before he had sent me a Copy, or at least to know of my Receipt of it, and Answer to it, who am as near a Neighbour to his Residence as the *Barbican*-Meeting, I think cannot be reputed fair by Indifferent Persons: How *Unfair* then is the Complaint, that he hath had no Answer?

Again, Was I not then, and am I not still engaged against other Persons, and that mostly about the same things? Why did he not send me word he intended to be there, and exhibit a Charge publickly against me? The *English Custom* as to Common Right. Is this to prove *Quakerism no Christianity*; or himself *No Christian*? I cannot believe he did to me herein, as he would be done by.

But that I may acquit my self of that Duty incumbent on me *for the Truth*, I do hereby signifie, That inasmuch as the Controversie depending between *T. H. &c.* and us, takes in the most of the Particulars of his Charge, we freely consent, that he should come in with them for a Share as *Confederate* in the same Work, and use his utmost Abilities to maintain his Accusations; And if in any Thing his Charge is singular, we shall be ready to hear and fairly debate it at the same Meeting or Meetings, to avoid fresh and unnecessary Contests, as much as justly may be: Though still let it be remembred, these very Things are at large discoursed in my *Rejoynder* to him; our *Faith* relieved from his Unworthy *Misrepresentations*, and confirmed by *Scripture*, *Reason*, and a Cloud of Honourable Ancient and Modern *Witnesses*.

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